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PASS TO AID

E.O. 11652: GSD

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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN AID TO LAOS

1. FIRST SECRETARY NORWEGIAN EMBASSY BANGKOK, JOHN BJORNEBYE, CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON USAID DIR JANUARY 29, FOR PURPOSE OBTAINING BRIEFING ON ECONOMIC SITUATION AND AID PROGRAMS IN LAOS. BJORNEBYE MENTIONED POSSIBILITY NORWAY GIVING MODEST HUMANITARIAN AID AFTER FORMATION PGNU. IN ADDITION TO RLG OFFICIALS, HE WOULD SEE PL REPRESENTATIVE SOTH PETHRASY SAME DAY AND USAID DIR SUGGESTED TO BJORNEBYE IF SOTH HAD ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO SAY ABOUT AID, HE WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO RECEIVE SUCH INFORMATION.

2. THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JANUARY 31 WAS RECEIVED FROM BJORNEBYE.
QUOTE: DEAR MR. MANN, I HAD A LONG AND INTERESTING CONVERSATION WITH SOTH PETHRASY THE OTHER DAY. TOUCHING ON THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO LAOS AFTER THE FORMATION OF THE COALITION GOVERNMENT.
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HE CONFIRMED THAT HIS SIDE WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT BOTH

BI AND MULTILATERAL AID, PROVIDED IT WAS UNTIED AND OFFERED DIRECTLY TO LAOS.

THEY WOULD ALSO ACCEPT TO WORK ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION GATHERED BY THE ACTUAL MINISTRIES, BUT EACH PROJECT WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED CRITICALLY TO SEE TO IT THAT IT REALLY WAS OF PROFIT TO THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.

THE ENTIRE RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND HE PRESSED STRONGLY THE NEED FOR INDEPENDENCE OF ALL BOTH EASTERN, WESTERN AND EVEN THE CLOSEST NEIGHBOURS.

THE FEOF WOULD HAVE TO BE UPHELD FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, UNTIL THE VALUE OF THE KIP COULD BE ASSURED BY THE COUNTRYS OWN EARNINGS. YOURS SINCERELY,
JOHN BJORNEBYE. UNQUOTE. WHITEHOUSE

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